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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)	
MARY MORABITO O'NEILL et al.)	GAU: 3641
Ser. No. 10/615,133)	Examiner:
Filed: July 8, 2003)	T. Chambers
For: OBSCURATION METHOD FOR REDUCING THE)	
INFRARED SIGNATURE OF AN OBJECT)	

COMMUNICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Sir:

Applicant has received the Office Action dated October 13, 2006. This Office Action is indicated as "Final".

This Office Action may not properly be made final, because claims 13 and 21 are newly rejected and were not previously amended so as to necessitate the new rejection. See the Petition and other papers filed in this proceeding.

Applicant requests that the Examiner withdraw the Office Action of October 13, 2006 and issue a new, superseding Office Action that is not final. Applicant will then be able to freely amend the claims. The Examiner has himself suggested that Applicant amend the claims (Office Action, page 15, para. 30), and Applicant cannot do so with the case on final.

If the Examiner disagrees and contends that the Office Action of October 13, 2006 is properly made final, Applicant asks that the Examiner clearly state the legal authority for making the Office Action of October 13, 2006 final.

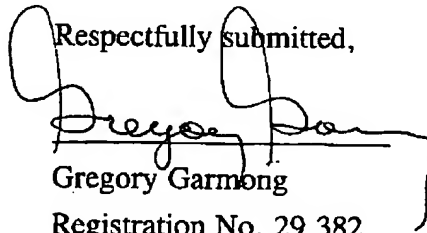
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I hereby certify that this paper (2 pages total) is being facsimile transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office at fax 571-273-8300 on October 20, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregory Garmong", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with a large initial 'G' and a long, sweeping tail.

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